

Virtual Sprouts Leader Guide

January Week 2

Today's Bible Story: Jesus' healing is amazing. The Four Friends • *Mark 2:1-12*
Memory Verse: "Everyone who heard him was amazed." Luke 2:47, NIV

What You Need:

- Before virtual Small Group begins, be sure you have a blanket and your Bible next to the computer. You will also need a copy of the "Going on a Jesus Hunt" Activity Page.

OVERVIEW

(I color coded everyone's role for the call. Admin- Red Emcee- green Teacher 1- Blue Teacher 2- Orange)

(Bring kids in from waiting room)

WELCOME:

Emcee What You Say: Good morning everyone! (*Greet everyone by name*) My name is (*introduce yourself and the teachers*) I'm so glad to see you today. I'm excited to sing and dance together as we worship God. Are you ready? Let's worship!

(Play worship song)

VIDEO:

Emcee What You Say: "Hi again friends! I'm so happy you're all here today. We get to talk today about our very good friend. He loves us all the time. He wants to be our friend forever. Who am I talking about? (*Pause.*) Yes! We're going to learn more about our friend, Jesus. But first, I want you to do some pretending with me. Are you ready to play pretend? Awesome. Now, we're all going to need a blanket (*hold up your blanket*). I'm going to count to ten, and I want you to go find a blanket and bring it back to the computer. Ready, set, go!"

Count SLOWLY to ten to ensure that everyone has time to make it back to the screen.

"Wow! Excellent job! Everyone hold up your blanket so we can all see it. (*Pause.*) I see some very cozy blankets out there. Very nice. Can spread your blanket out on the floor so it's nice and flat? Great job. We're going to pretend our blanket is a mat. Now, lay down on your mat and don't move. Is everyone being very still on their mat? Today, we're going to hear a story about a man who had to lay on a mat because his legs couldn't move. I wonder if our friend, Jesus, is going to help him?"

"Okay everyone, jump up off your mat and sit back in your chair. Great job. It's time to hear today's true story from the Bible about the man on the mat and our friend, Jesus. Let's watch!"

(Play the Full Wonder video Week 2)

ACTIVITY:

Teacher 1 What You Say: “What an incredible story. Do you want to retell the story with me? Yay! Everyone stand up and do what I do.”

Use the “Going on a Jesus Hunt” Activity Page to lead the children in retelling the story. Some words may need to be modified depending on your setup.

“That was so much fun. Everyone can sit down now. The four friends took their friend to Jesus because they heard that He could do amazing things. Making their friend’s legs all better so he could walk would be amazing, for sure! When they got there, Jesus made their friend better, and he did walk! Jesus really is amazing! **Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!**”

MEMORY VERSE:

Teacher 2 What You Say: Jesus is amazing! In fact, our new Bible verse we’re going to learn has the word amazed in it. I want you to show me your amazed face. Amazed is sort of like surprised and excited rolled together isn’t it? This is our Bible verse we’re going to be learning. It comes from a book in the Bible called Luke. It says: “Everyone who heard him was amazed.” Luke 2:47. Can you be my echo and say the verse after me? I’ll say it again and then you say it. (repeat verse and have kids echo, do a couple times) Great job friends! Show me your amazed face one more time!

PRAYER:

Teacher 2 What You Say: Let’s pray before we end our time together. “Dear God, thank You for giving us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that He loves us and wants to help us. We trust that Jesus will always help us do hard things. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

CLOSE OUT

Emcee What you Say: Friends, I’m so glad each of you were here today! I want you to know that Jesus loves you very much! If you have hard things to do this week, I want you to pray and ask Jesus to help you, just like our friend in the story asked for help from Jesus. Have a wonderful day friends! Bye, Bye!

End Call